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BRUHL
第1話 ブルール

THE IMPERIAL ALLIANCE VERSUS THE ATLANTIC FEDERATION
THE FLAMES OF WAR CONTINUE TO SPREAD...
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE DUCHY OF GALLIA GETS DRAGGED INTO IT
THE EMPIRE IS GREEDY
THEIR TERRITORY IS SO LARGE YET THEY STILL ADVANCE
IT'S BEAUTIFUL
IT'S ALREADY THE SEASON FOR CHICKS TO LEAVE THE NEST!
HEY, STUDENT
YOU CAME FROM THE CAPITAL, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE THE BIGSHOTS SAYING?
THE WAR REALLY IS GOING TO BEGIN...

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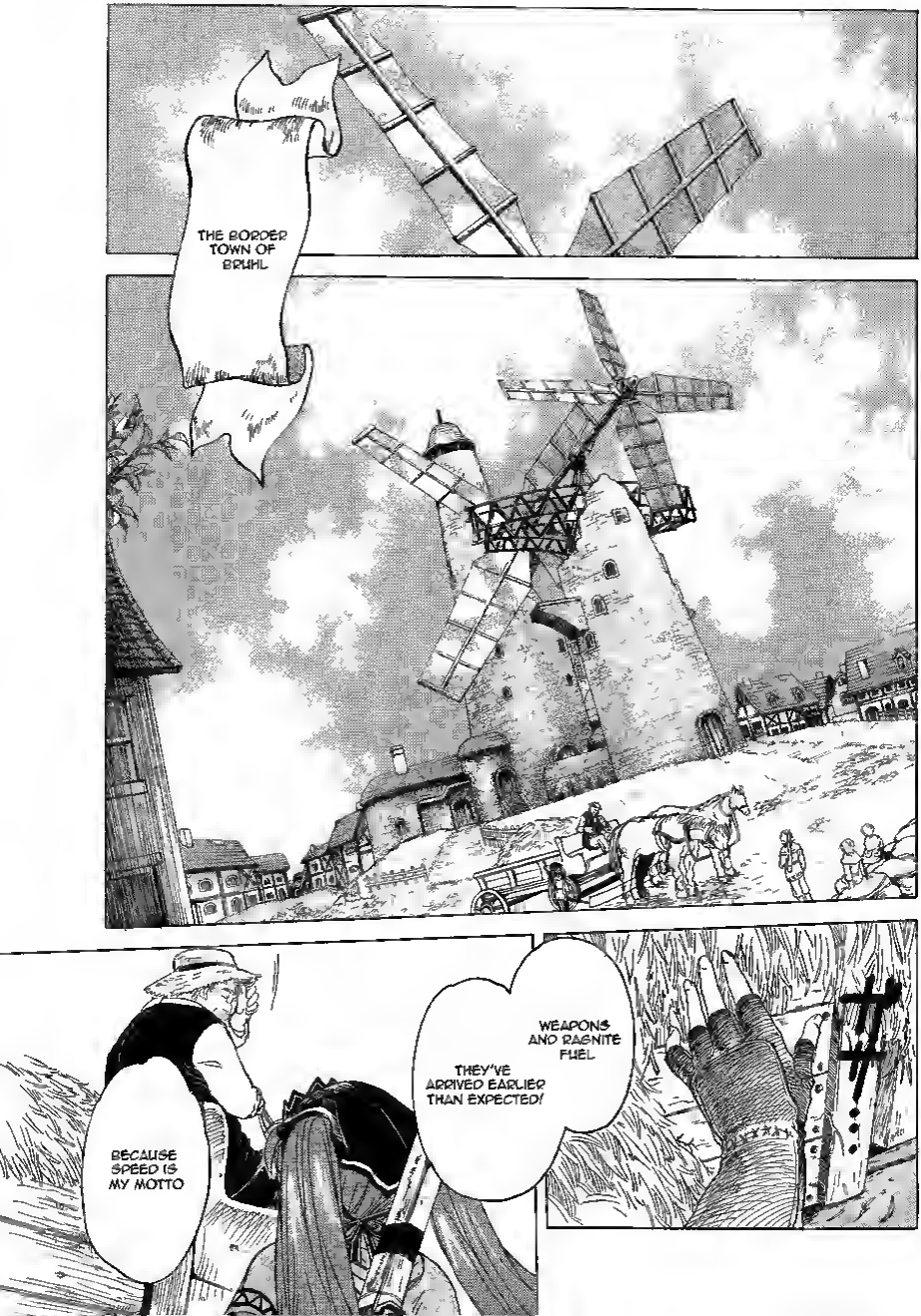
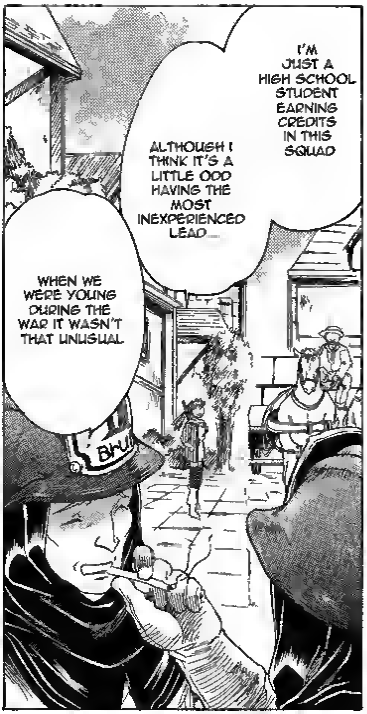
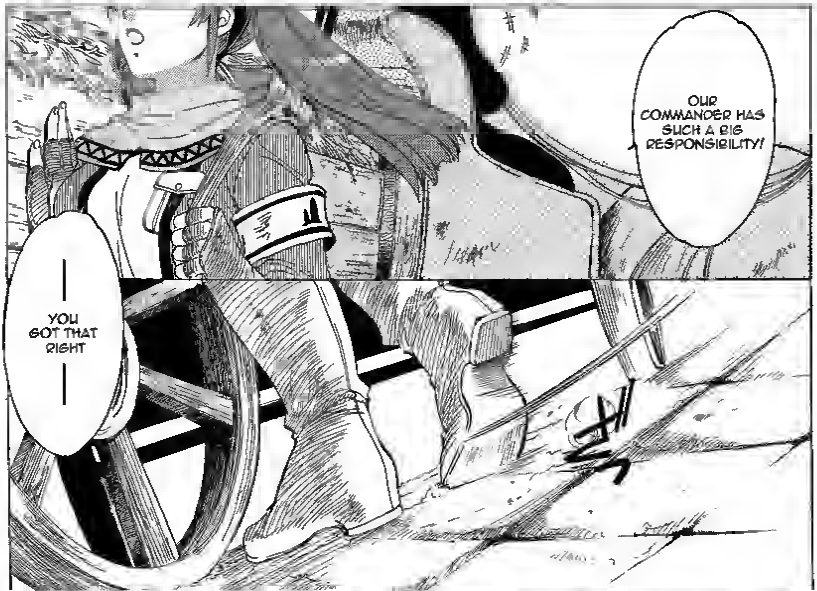

THE BORDER TOWN OF BRUHL
WEAPONS AND RAGNITE FUEL
THEY'VE ARRIVED EARLIER THAN EXPECTED!
BECAUSE SPEED IS MY MOTTO

HOWEVER...
I WAS SURPRISED
THAT SUCH A CUTE GIRL WOULD BE A TEAM LEADER FOR THE BRUHL MILITIA
I'M ALICIA MELCHIOTT
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, MISTER MERCHANT!

WELL ALICIA IS QUALIFIED
THAT'S WHY WE LEARN DURING PEACTIME
IT'S HER RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THIS TOWN'S PEACE!


I'M JUST A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT EARNING CREDITS IN THIS SQUAD
ALTHOUGH I THINK IT'S A LITTLE ODD HAVING THE MOST INEXPERIENCED LEAD—
WHEN WE WERE YOUNG DURING THE WAR IT WASN'T THAT UNUSUAL


OUR COMMANDER HAS SUCH A BIG RESPONSIBILITY!
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT

AND WHAT'S THIS?!
.....
HE SAID HE WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT FROM RANDORIZ

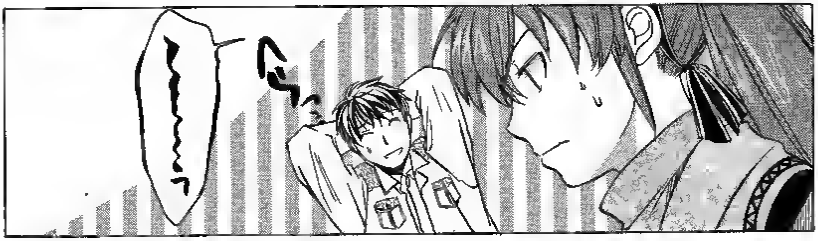
PICKED HIM UP ON THE ROAD
SAID HE WAS HEADING HERE TOO
MM
AHH, THE SMELL OF THE WIND OF BRUHL
HOW NOSTALGIC

ANYHOW, IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS
DON'T MOVE

IMPERIAL SPIES ARE USING THE EVACUATION TO SNEAK AROUND
I'LL HAVE TO INVESTIGATE YOU
NO, I'M...
QUIET
EH?
KEEP YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOUR HEAD AND MOVE SLOWLY
MY NAME IS GUNTHER
WELKIN GUNTHER
I'D BE HAPPY IF YOU BELIEVED ME BUT
I'M NO ONE SUSPICIOUS
GUNTHER...?
NII-SAN!

NII-SAN
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
YOU HAVEN'T EVACUATED YET?
YOU'RE GENERAL BERGEN GUNTHER'S
UM...
ISARA!
MY BROTHER WHO LIVES IN THE CAPITAL CAME TO HELP ME EVACUATE
I'M ISARA, DAUGHTER OF THE GUNTHER HOUSE
YES

THAT BROTHER...
IS THE MAN YOU ARE HOLDING...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THINKING BACK, I GUESS I DID LOOK SUSPICIOUS
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I THOUGHT HE WAS A SPY
SINCE I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIS FACE AND HE HAD A NOTEBOOK...
COULDN'T BE HELPED

I'M SORRY

HE'S BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE HE WAS YOUNG
HE LOVES NATURE AND PLANTS AND ANIMALS... BUT ANYTHING ELSE, HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT AT ALL
YOU'RE AS HARSH AS EVER, ISARA.
HE'S JUST A CARELESSLY SUSPICIOUS PERSON
.....
MUST BE NICE... A FAMILY LIKE THAT...
SO!
SINCE I HAVE A DUTY TO PERFORM
MAY WE MEET AGAIN!

LET'S GO BACK TOO, BROTHER
MARTHA IS WAITING
YEAH
BUT JUST A LITTLE LONGER...
I WANT TO WATCH BRUHL'S MOTHER-AND-CHILD WINDMILL

LOOK WHAT WE HAVE HERE!
WELKIN -BOCCHAN!
WELCOME BACK!
I'M BACK, MARTHA
BUT I'M 22 NOW... SAYING "BOCCHAN" IS...
YOU'RE STILL MY LITTLE WELKIN -BOCCHAN TO ME!
BESIDES, IF BERGEN-SAMA WAS STILL ALIVE HE'D SAY THE SAME THING
WHEN YOU COME BACK TO YOUR HOMETOWN, YOU SHOULD INDULGE YOUR FAMILY!

YOUR BABY IS ALMOST DUE
THE JOURNEY TO THE CAPITAL WON'T BE A PROBLEM.
THIS IS THE FIFTH ONE, ISARA -JOUCHAMA!
BUT ARE YOU OKAY, MARTHA?
AH
YOU HAVEN'T LEFT YET
GREAT!

YOU'RE THAT MILITIA...
IT'S ALICIA
ALICIA MELCHIOTT
EH, ALL THIS!?
IS IT REALLY OKAY?
IF IT'S OKAY...
HERE, AS AN APOLOGY FOR EARLIER!
THE FLAVOR IS GUARANTEED ♡
I LIVE AND WORK AT THE BAKERY BY THE CHURCH
BUT SINCE THE MANAGER WAS EVACUATED THE SHOP'S CLOSED

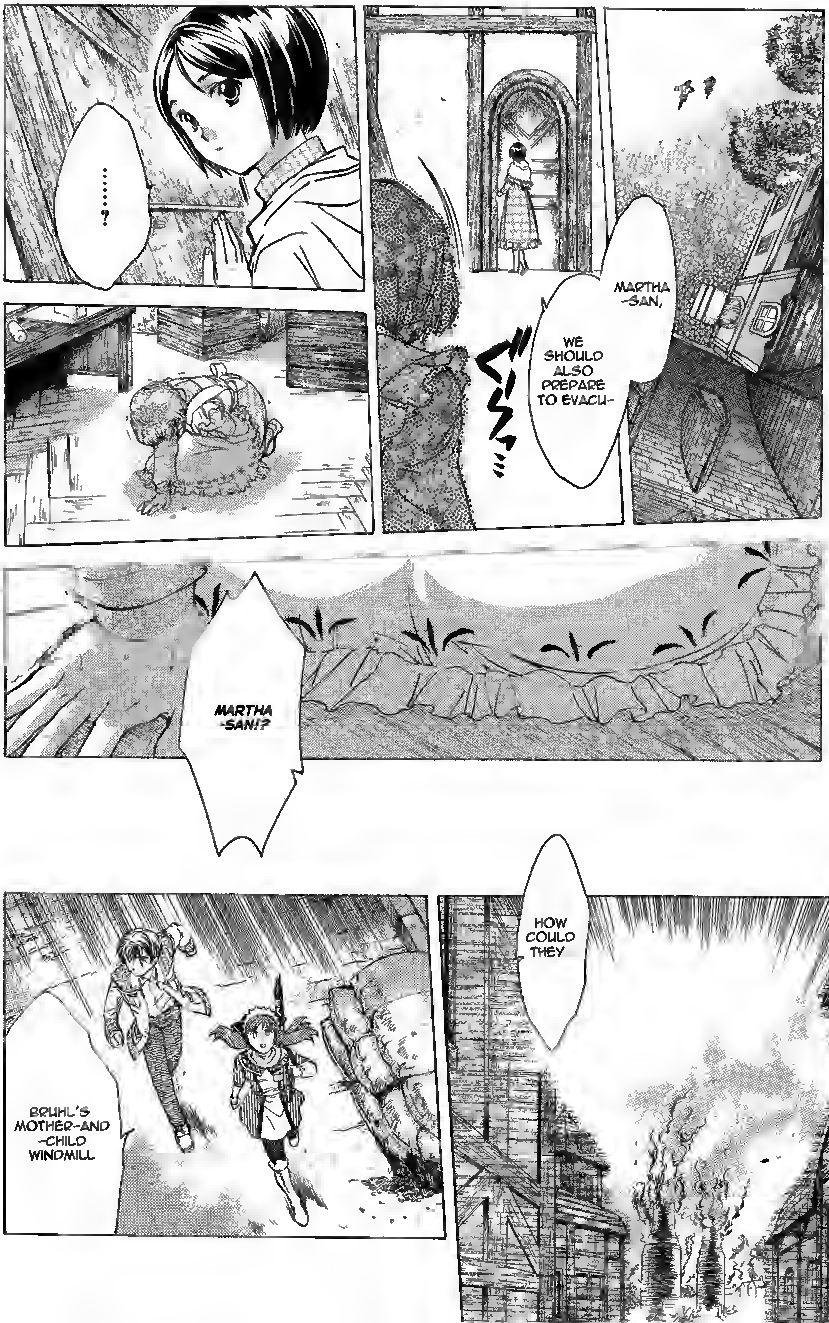
WHAT IS IT, MARTHA?
THEY'RE PRESERVED BISCUITS, SO JUST COOK AND EAT!
THAT'S NOT SO...
BOCCHAN'S A SMOOTH ONE, ISN'T HE?
THEN THESE ARE HAND-MADE BY ALICIA?
I'M TRAINING TO BECOME A BAKER!
IT'S A PICTURE TAKEN BEFORE I WAS BORN
YEAH
IS OF GENERAL GUNTHER?
THAT PHOTO...

I LEARNED ABOUT HIM IN HISTORY CLASS
THE HERO WHO PRESERVED GALLIA'S INDEPENDANCE IN THE FIRST WAR
HIS TACTICS ARE BEING USED IN THE MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAMS RIGHT NOW
HE WASN'T THE ONLY HERO
IT WASN'T LIKE HE FOUGHT ALONE
EVERY MAN WHO PARTICIPATED IN THAT WAR WAS A HERO
LIKE ISARA'S FATHER
YES
HUH?
THE MAN NEXT TO THE GENERAL IN THAT PHOTO IS MY FATHER, THEIMER
FATHER WAS THE ENGINEER WHO DESIGNED THE GENERAL'S TANK
BOTH MY PARENTS WERE KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT SHORTLY AFTER MY BIRTH
THE GENERAL TOLD ME STORIES OF HOW MY FATHER ASKED THAT I BE ADOPTED
BUT... I'VE REALIZED

AND WHAT ABOUT WELKIN?
ARE YOU GOING TO BECOME A SOLDIER LIKE YOUR FATHER?
NO, I...
THAT'S WONDER-FUL
SOMETHING YOU'VE INHERITED FROM YOUR PARENTS
MY DREAM IS... TO BECOME AN ENGINEER
IT'S PROOF I'VE INHERITED MY FATHER'S BLOOD
ドオ...ン

LET THE GALLIAN BARBARIANS HEAR THIS SOUND!
FIRE! KEEP FIRING!
PUT THEM TO ROUT!

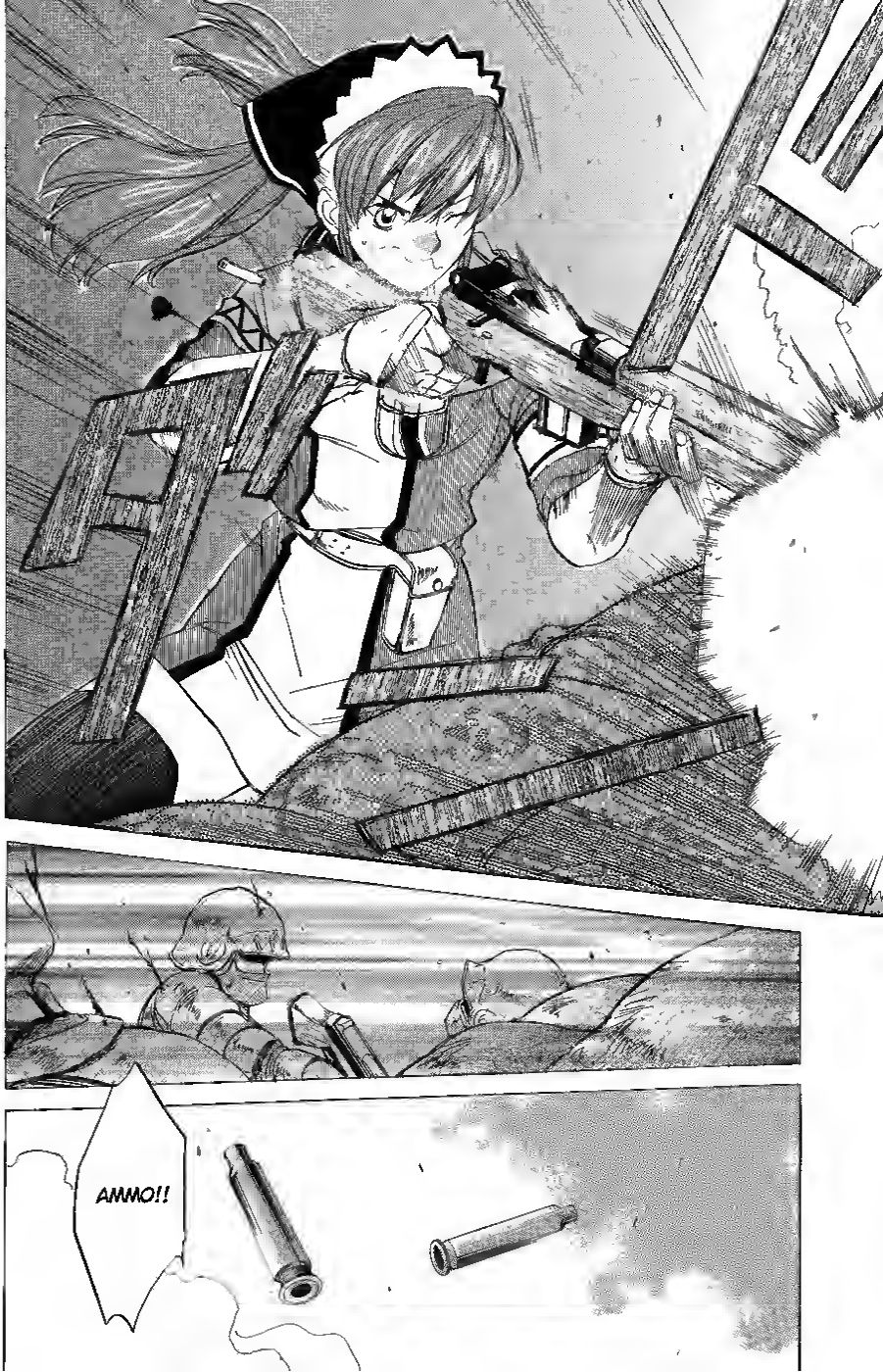
IT CAN'T BE-
THE EMPIRE?!
THERE'S STILL PEOPLE IN TOWN
ISARA, WE'LL LEAVE MARTHA TO YOU
LET'S GO, ALICIA!
WE HAVE TO LEAD THE RESPONSE!


……?
MARTHA -SAN,
WE SHOULD ALSO PREPARE TO EVACU-
MARTHA -SAN!?
BRUHL'S MOTHER-AND -CHILD WINDMILL
HOW COULD THEY

YOU CAN SHOOT, RIGHT?
WELKIN'

...YEAH
I LEARNED DURING MILITARY TRAINING
THE ENEMY IS THE IMPERIAL ARMY
THEY'RE ATTACKING THE TOWN THE MILITIA IS FIGHTING AS WELL. DAMAGE IS WIDESPREAD
AT THIS RATE BRUHL WILL
LET'S PUSH THE ENEMY BACK!
WE'LL SPLIT UP AND LOOK FOR CIVILIANS WHO HAVEN'T ESCAPED
LINK UP WITH ANY MILITIA WHO ARE IN COMBAT
EVEN I'M A TEAM LEADER
ALICIA, WILL YOU BE OKAY BY YOURSELF?
UNDER-STOOD!

CAPTAIN ALICIA, OVER HERE!
CAPTAIN!
CAPTAIN!
REPORT!
IT'S BAD!
THIRTEEN MEN HAVE BEEN KILLED!!
WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET!
HOW'S THE EVACUATION COMING!?
YOU THERE!
AREN'T THOSE IMPERIAL BASTARDS VIOLATING THE TREATY?!
WE HAVE TO BUY SOME MORE TIME...!


AMMO!!

IF WE GET DRAWN INTO A WAR OF ATTRITION...
SHOULD WE COMMIT ALL THE AMMO!?
IT'S A GOOD THING THEY ATTACKED AFTER THE SUPPLIES CAME IN!
OOH...
AH...
CAPTAIN!?
ARE YOU OKAY!?
HANG ON!
WE'LL GET YOU SOME HELP...

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カコン
COV...
HURRY...
COVER!!
TAKE COVER!!
EVERYONE, RUN!!

ゴォオオ!
BUT THE SOUND IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT...
AN EXPLOSION?
I WONDER IF IT'S MORTARS
ISHUTTER!
Always Thank you

WHAT WAS THIS?
A SCHOOL?

THERE'S NOTHING WORTH MONEY HERE
OH,
CH, ANOTHER FAILURE
SOME-THING LIKE THAT

IT'S 'CAUSE THIS IS THE COUNTR-
YOU BASTARD!
THE HELL?
USING HIS COMRADE AS A SHIELD...

HEY KID! YOU FORGET SOMETHING!?
DID YOU FIND IT!?
THEN DIE ALREADY!!

DON'T MOVE!!
A GIRL...?
.....?
THROW YOUR WEAPON OVER HERE
LET HIM GO, SLOWLY
OH, I'M SURPRISED
SOME BRATS AND GIRLS HAVE SLIPPED INTO THE GALLIAN ARMY
THROW THE KNIFE OVER HERE!
I'M PART OF THE TOWN WATCH!
HURRY UP AND THROW THE KNIFE AWAY!!
TOWN WATCH?
ARE YOU AN IDIOT WHO DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO FIGHT A WAR?

...I...
I AM FIGHTING TO PROTECT THIS TOWN'S PEOPLE!!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER WAY BUT TO FIGHT...

ALI-
-CIA

...THAT BLOOD
I'M FINE
ha
ha
ha
IT'S NOT MINE

AH...
SORR-
CAN YOU STAND?

THANK YOU, ALICIA
YOU SAVED ME
I HAD PLANNED TO BE READY FOR WHATEVER MIGHT COME
THE WAR HAS STARTED

BUT...
I CAN'T...
BELIEVE ALL OF THIS
THE PEOPLE AND THE TOWN, GONE IN AN INSTANT...!

THE EVACUATION FINISHED
IT'S BECAUSE EVERYONE IN THE TOWN WATCH TRIED SO HARD...
EVEN THE TOWN WATCHMEN ?
AND BRUHL'S MOTHER-AND-CHILD WINDMILL WAS DESTROYED...
BUT I WASN'T ABLE TO PROTECT EVERYONE...
LET'S MEET UP WITH ISARA AND MARTHA
WE ALSO NEED TO ESCAPE
BUT WE...
WE...

NII-SAN...!
IT'S BAD, MARTHA-SAN...
IF YOU TWO LEAVE SHE'LL SOON GO INTO LABOR
WE CAN'T LEAVE HER TO REST HERE!
BUT THERE'S A LOT OF IMPERIAL SOLDIERS MOVING IN!
IT'S DANGEROUS TO MOVE HER RIGHT NOW
AT THIS RATE THE BABY WILL...
WELKIN, WHAT SHOULD WE DO!?

ALICIA-SAN
PLEASE PUT THE HOT WATER I HAVE BOILING INTO ANY POTS YOU CAN FIND
OKAY!
AND SOME CLEAN TOWELS AND SHEETS TOO!
THIS IS...
FATHER'S
NII-SAN, COME WITH ME TO THE SHED IN THE GARDEN!

YES

THE TANK MY FATHER THEIMER CREATED FOR GENERAL GUNTHER
THE EDELWEISS

THIS TANK FOUGHT IN THE LAST DAYS ON THE FRONT TO PRESERVE GALLIAN INDEPENDENCE
THE LATEST...?
THE ENGINE IS A NEW STYLE TURBINE WITH AN ADVANCED POWER OUTPUT TO WEIGHT RATIO

BUT... I MAINTAINED AND FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH IT
AND WHEN THE WAR ENDED IT WAS UNKNOWN WHETHER TANKS WOULD BE NEEDED
ITS COST KEPT IT FROM ENTERING MASS PRODUCTION

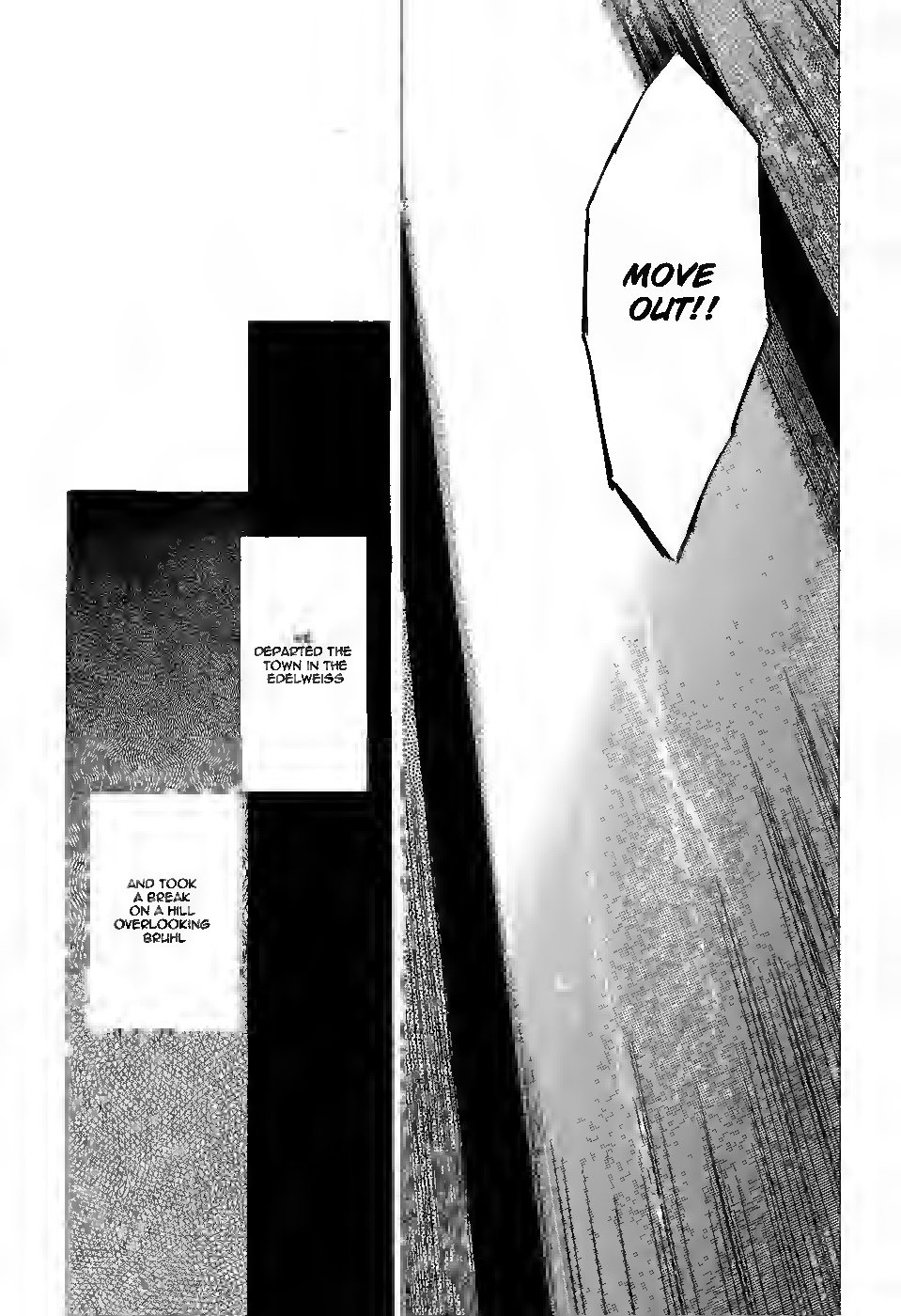
IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE ITS ADVANCED MOBILITY AND FIREPOWER!
THE EDELWEISS IS AS GOOD AS ANY MODERN TANK

NII-SAN,
YOU TOOK AN ARMOR TRAINING COURSE, RIGHT?
FOR MILITARY TRAINING I SELECTED MAINTAINANCE AND REPAIR...
BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE AN ENGINEER LIKE MY FATHER
IT'S BECAUSE OF THE FOUNDATIONS LAID BY MY FATHER
BY MAINTAINANCE YOU MEAN IT CAN MOVE?
YOU DID THIS ALL ON YOUR OWN?
HEY, YOU TWO!
IMPERIAL SOLDIERS ARE COMING THIS WAY!
YEAH
BUT IT WAS ONLY ONCE BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL
ALRIGHT
IT'LL BE OKAY IF I ACT AS TANK COMMANDER, RIGHT?
ALICIA-SAN, PLEASE BRING MARTHA-SAN HERE
WE WILL USE THIS TANK TO EVACUATE TO A SAFE PLACE
...WHAT THE!?
A TANK!?
WHA!?

LWEISS
1935
Theimer
ドドドドドド
THEN I SHALL SERVE AS THE DRIVER
ENGINE ONLINE
EDELWEISS, PREPARATIONS COMPLETE

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME
TELL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, OK?
GOT IT!
ALICIA, CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
WE'LL LEAVE MARTHA-SAN TO YOU!
MARTHA-SAN'S HERE TOO
LET'S AVOID AS MANY BATTLES AS WE CAN
FATHER'S TANK
IT MOVED

EDEL-
WEISS...


MOVE OUT!!
DEPARTED THE TOWN IN THE EDELWEISS
AND TOOK A BREAK ON A HILL OVERLOOKING BRUHL

WE EXPERIENCED SO MUCH IN ONE DAY. THE IMPERIAL ATTACK ON BRUHL LASTED ONLY TWO HOURS
DURING THAT ENTIRE TIME ALICIA TENDED TO MARTHA-SAN
BECAUSE OF THAT SHE DID NOT SEE WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO BRUHL
IF SHE HAD, SHE SURELY WOULD HAVE CRIED

AHAHA!
BUT I WAS SURPRISED
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE WAS BORN IN A TANK
HOW IS MARTHA-SAN AND HER BABY?
ISARA IS WATCHING THEM
IT REALLY IS
SURPRISING
ON ONE HAND, SO MANY PEOPLE DIED
AND ON THE OTHER A NEW LIFE WAS BORN
IT'S REALLY
STRANGE

H...HUH!?
ALICIA, WHAT'S WRONG!?
AH!
I ALMOST FOR-GOT!
POWDERED SNOW SEEDS

A PERSONAL CUSTOM
SOMEDAY WHEN THE WAR IS OVER...
FOR THE TIME WHEN WE CAN LOOK BACK TO NOW...
I'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING IN MY HEART
THAT WE DID NOT JUST STRUGGLE FOR LIFE...
BUT THAT LIFE
WAS BROUGHT PROPERLY INTO THIS WORLD...!

MARTHA-SAN FELL ASLEEP SO I BROUGHT THE BABY HERE
NII-SAN!
I THOUGHT I SHOULD SHOW HER BRUHL
OH, HOW CUTE! ♡
THIS CHILD'S PRECIOUS BIRTHPLACE...

HOME-TOWN
...A PLACE YOU CAN RETURN TO, RIGHT?
IT'S OUR HOMETOWN TOO...
HEY!
THIS IS YOUR HOMETOWN!

THE YEAR 1935
MARCH 15
THE EAST
EUROPE IMPERIAL
ALLIANCE DECLARED
WAR ON THE NEUTRAL
DUCHY OF GALLIA

THE STORMS OF WAR STRUCK AND A NEW DRAMA BEGAN TO UNFOLD
—IRENE KOLLER
[ON THE GALLIAN FRONT]

第1話◆END

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第2話 MILITIA 義勇軍

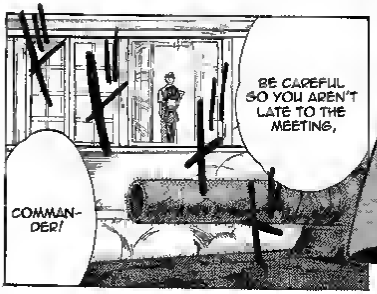
IT'S GBS RADIO. HERE WITH THE MORNING NEWS
THIS IS THE CAPITAL RANDGRIZ RADIO BROADCAST OFFICE!
TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF GALLIA!
GOOD MORNING!

I HAVEN'T FINISHED MY PAPER!
DON'T TELL ME I FELL ASLEEP WHILE WRITING IT?!
ガチャ
THIS IS BAD, I'VE GOT A LECTURE RIGHT IN THE MORNING TOO
AT ANY RATE I HAVE TO GET SOME MATERIAL FROM THE LIBRARY SOON OR
KYAA!

KYAA?
ばっ
EH... WHOA!
ALICIA!
YOU SCARED ME!

I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE SCARED!
IF YOU NEED SOMETHING PLEASE ASK, WELKIN
IT'S MY JOB AS THE COMMANDER'S AIDE
AH, IT'S NOTHING, ALICIA
THIS IS THE TROOP ROSTER FOR SQUAD 7
IT'S JUST ARRIVED FROM CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS
AND THIS BIT OF INFORMATION! THE STRATEGY MEETING THAT WAS PLANNED FOR 11AM HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 10AM DON'T BE LATE, LIEUTENANT GUNTHER!

I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT IT
AH
MUCH THANKS, ALICIA


BE CAREFUL SO YOU AREN'T LATE TO THE MEETING,
COMMANDER!

WELKIN?

EFFECTIVE TODAY I AM ASSIGNED TO THE MILITIA
MY NAME IS WELKIN GUNTHER
LIKEWISE, I AM ASSIGNED TO THE MILITIA EFFECTIVE TODAY
I'M ALICIA MELCHIOTT

MY NAME IS ELEANOR VARROT
I AM COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE VOLUNTEER CORPS
WELKIN GUNTHER, YOU ARE HENCEFORTH PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT AND COMMANDER OF SQUAD 7
AND HERE'S THE NEXT PIECE OF NEWS
WITH THE IMPERIAL ARMY'S CONTINUED ADVANCE INTO GALLIAN TERRITORY THE GALLIAN ARMY HAS DECIDED TO ACTIVATE THE VOLUNTEER CORPS
ACCORDING TO THE COMPULSORY CONSCRIPTION SYSTEM PERSONS SELECTED IN THE FIRST WAVE OF DRAFTEES WILL BEGIN TO REPORT ACROSS THE DUCHY

UNTIL THE WAR IS OVER IT LOOKS LIKE MY PAPER IS ON HOLD
IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WAR IS A BATTLE OVER RAGNITE ENERGY BETWEEN THE EAST EUROPE IMPERIAL ALLIANCE AND THE ATLANTIC FEDERATION...
EVEN SO...
THE CENTRAL ARMY BASE IS HUGE...!
I WONDER JUST HOW FAR IT GOES... ♥
.....
AND THAT WOODLAND...

"HERO"...?
"THE BLUE UNICORN OF GALLIA!"
DIDN'T YOU LEARN IT IN SCHOOL?
IN THE FIRST BIG WAR HE RODE THAT LEGENDARY TANK
THE SON OF A HERO?
HE'S THE COMMANDER OF OUR SQUAD 7?
ALICIA-SAN?
IS HE FIT TO BE A COMMANDER?
BUT ISN'T HE JUST A COLLEGE STUDENT?
AMAZING! IF THAT GUY'S KID IS OUR COMMANDER, MAYBE WE'LL BE INVINCIBLE!

ISARA!
WORKING ON THE EDELWEISS? GOOD GIRL!
IT'S BECAUSE TAKING CARE OF FATHER'S TANK IS MY DUTY...
HAVE YOU ALREADY ADJUSTED TO LIFE ON A MILITARY BASE?
YES
ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE IT'LL TAKE SOME OTHER PEOPLE A WHILE TO ADJUST...
ALICIA-SAN, BY THE WAY
JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO NII-SAN HAD AN INSECT CAGE WITH HIM AND WAS WALKING HAPPILY TOWARD THE FOREST
WHAT!?
WAS THE STRATEGY MEETING CANCELLED?

UM... I THINK WEST
WHAT DIRECTION?
OK! WEST, RIGHT!?
MOU, I EVEN TOLD HIM TO BE CAREFUL
WHICH ONE IS THE EDELWEISS?
WE'LL HELP CAPPY IT THERE
ISARA-SAN, WE'VE BROUGHT THE TANK PAGNARIN
AH
THANKS
I THOUGHT I SMELLED SOMETHING OILY

HOW'D SOME DARCSENS SLIP INTO THIS UNIT?

WHAT IS HE PLANNING TO DO IF HE'S LATE TO THE MEETING!?
MOU! WHERE'D HE GO!?
WELKI-N!
WEL-KI-N
HERE!?
THE ENEMY!?
.....!
MOU!
WHAT IS HE DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!?
!
WELKIN!
HMM

THE RED ANT IS ATTACKING THE BLACK ANTS' NEST
ONE RED ANT VERSUS A SWARM OF BLACK ANTS!
THE EGG AND FLOW OF BATTLE CONTINUES!
WELKIN!
IT'S BODY IS THREE TIMES BIGGER BUT THE RED ANT CANNOT TAKE ONE STEP
THE JAW POWER OF THE BLACK ANT IS TOP CLASS AMONG INSECTS...
EH
WHAT?
CAPTAIN VARROT'S STRATEGY MEETING...
DID YOU FORGET IT WAS CHANGED TO 10AM?

NO MATTER HOW LONG I WATCH I NEVER GET TIRED
IS IT THAT FUN?
WERE YOU WATCHING THAT ANT COLONY FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR?
THERE'S ONE ANT THAT GIVES ORDERS
THEIR BODIES ARE A LITTLE BIGGER THAN THE WORKER ANTS
ALTHOUGH I CAN'T SEE HOW ANTS AND HUMANS ARE THE SAME
HUMANS ARE THE SAME, AREN'T THEY?
EVERY ONE HAS A DIFFERENT PERSONALITY AND BEHAVIOUR PATTERN
BY FOLLOWING THOSE ORDERS EVERYONE PROTECTS THE COLONY
THAT'S RIGHT
WELKIN, YOU STUDIED NATURAL SCIENCE IN COLLEGE, RIGHT?
YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BE A SOLDIER LIKE YOUR FATHER?

I WANTED TO BECOME A TEACHER
...YEAH...
A TEACHER...
A SCHOOL TEACHER?
YOU SAW THAT ANT COLONY EARLIER, RIGHT?
WHERE MAN IS NOT PRESENT THE BIRDS AND INSECTS ALSO FIGHT
SO THAT THEY CAN PROTECT THEIR NESTS AND DEFEND THEIR TERRITORIES

MAYBE HUMANS AND ANIMALS ARE FATED TO ALWAYS FIGHT TO DEFEND THEIR HOMES AND THEIR TERRITORY
BUT IF THEY MERELY FIGHT WITH EACH OTHER THE SPECIES WILL BECOME EXTINCT
SO THEY CAN ARGUE WHILE APPEARING TO COEXIST
I STUDY NATURAL SCIENCE IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE DETAILS OF THAT COEXISTENCE
BUT THERE MUST STILL BE A WAY FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN TO COEXISTENCE

I WANT TO FIND A WAY TO ELIMINATE CONFLICT AND HELP EVERYONE WORK TOWARDS LIVING
AND TELL THE CHILDREN HOW...!

YOURE LATE, WELKIN'
DID YOU GO ON ONE OF YOUR FOREST EXPEDITIONS AGAIN?
THIS IS OUR FIRST STRATEGY MEETING AFTER BEING ASSIGNED TO THE MILITIA
LOOKS LIKE IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT THE SOLDIERS IN MY SQUAD I WOULD BE ITCHING FOR A FIGHT TOO
I SEE
SO THE CURRENT STRATEGY IS FOR THE MILITIA TO FULLY ENGAGE THE ENEMY

HM? ISN'T IT ALMOST TIME FOR THE STRATEGY MEETING?
DOES THAT MEETING NEED THE INSECT CAGE?
I'VE GOT TO GET READY!
WAIT A SECOND!
ALICIA
COULD YOU BRING THIS GUY TO MY ROOM?
WHAT'S IN IT?
A SPOTTED LEECH
BRING IT YOURSELF!
WELL, WELL
?
?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GETTING USED TO YOUR ROLE AS "DEVIL SERGEANT" TOO, ALICIA
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FALDIO— THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME HAPPY
THAT GUY'S STILL THE SAME—

HEY...
WERE YOU TWO CLASS-MATES AT COLLEGE?
ME AND WELKIN?
OUR MAJORS WERE DIFFERENT HE WAS NATURAL SCIENCE, I WAS ARCHAEOLOGY
WERE YOU GOOD FRIENDS?
YEAH...
WE WERE SCHOOLMATES SHORTLY BEFORE NOW
AND NOW WE'RE BROTHERS IN ARMS
WE'RE JUST A LITTLE BIT AWAY FROM BEING WHAT YOU COULD CALL BEST FRIENDS

IT'S THE DAY WE GET DRAFTED INTO THE MILITIA
WELKIN LOOK AT ME IN MY NEW UNIFORM...
BEST FRIENDS, HUH...
BUT THOSE ARE JUST QUESTIONS, ALICIA
WELKIN IS AN ECCENTRIC GUY HIS HOBBIES ARE JUST HOPELESS
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN
IT'S A SHAME HE ISN'T ME
YES, IT LOOKS REALLY GOOD ON YOU!
LIKE THE EXOSKELETON OF A BEETLE! IT LOOKS REALLY COOL!
IN MY 19 YEARS THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD SOMEONE SAY "YOU LOOK LIKE AN INSECT"
HAHAHAHA!
BUT AS FAR AS I KNOW, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE'S EVER COMPLIMENTED A WOMAN

IN WELKIN -SPEAK, I THINK THAT'S HIS HIGHEST PRAISE
LIEU -TENANT LANDZAAT!
I HOPE HE REALLY WAS COMPLIMENTING HER UNIFORM'S ARMOR
YEAH, FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE IT'S BETTER THIS WAY
I... I SEE
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS...!
HIS HIGHEST PRAISE!
HEY, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE STRATEGY?
NO
I... I'LL BE GOING NOW
GOOD LUCK WITH THE STRATEGY MEETING!

WE DION'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO OBJECT
EVEN THOUGH THEY SAID WE'D FIGHT ALONGSIDE THEM, WE DON'T GET TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STRATEGY SESSIONS!
FROM WHAT I HEAR, DOESN'T THE STRATEGY SESSION START NOW?
STRATEGY SESSION? OH, THE REGULAR ARMY'S MEETING ENDED A WHILE AGO
ARE WE JUST GETTING ORDERED AROUND BY THEM!?
WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY THINKING?
HEHE
HIS HIGHEST PRAISES...

I... ISARA!?
WHAT AN EXAGGERATION
I ONLY GAVE YOUR SHOULDER A LITTLE PUSH

CORPORAL BRIGITTE STARK!
YOU SHOULD NOT FIGHT WITH YOUR COMRADES!
A FIGHT?
CAN YOU FIGHT THE IMPERIAL ARMY LIKE THAT?
I'M JUST TELLING THIS SICKLY DARC-SEN BRAT HOW USEFUL SHE IS
SHE'LL JUST BE A BURDEN ON THE BATTLEFIELD
SINCE THE OLD DAYS THESE GUYS HAVE BEEN GOOD FOR NOTHING BUT TROUBLE AND BAD LUCK!
YOU THINK WE CAN FIGHT NEXT TO UNLUCKY PEOPLE LIKE THAT?
CERTAINLY-

WE ARE HUMANS JUST LIKE YOU
BUT
ACROSS EUROPE WE ARE PERSECUTED FOR THE BLOOD OF OUR ANCESTORS
CERTAINLY WE ARE DARCSENS

DARCSEN LOVER...?
HEY, KID, YOU SOME KIND OF DARCSEN LOVER?
UM... MAYBE YOU SHOULD STOP
OR YOU'LL DO WHAT?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
DARCSENS ARE NOTHING LIKE US!
EVEN AT ITS BEST THIS MILITIA IS UNORGANIZED
THE LESS TROUBLE THE BETTER IF YOU ASK ME
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY DARCSENS ARE-
WILL YOU ALL JUST DROP IT?!

YOU'RE THIS SQUAD'S COMMANDER, RIGHT?

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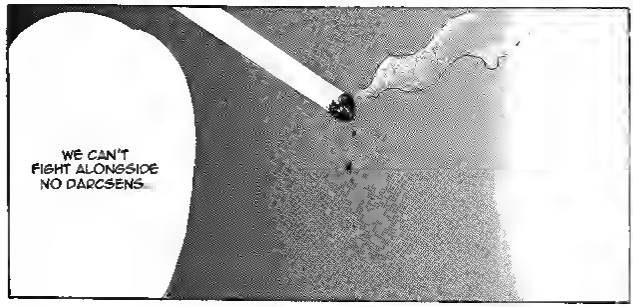
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?!

EVEN IF I DON'T SAY IT YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?
IT'S THIS BRAT! SHE'S A DARCSEN!


WE CAN'T FIGHT ALONGSIDE NO DARCSENS

HEY, COMMANDER -SAN
INCOMPETANT LEADERS GET MORE ALLIES KILLED THAN ENEMIES DO, YOU KNOW?
NO ONE IS GOING TO LISTEN TO WHAT A GUY LIKE THAT HAS TO SAY
NO ONE WANTS TO DIE
NO ONE IS GOING TO ACCEPT EXCUSES NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES THEY RE SAID
KEEP THAT IN MIND AND YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THE CURRENT STRATEGY WELL

I'VE GOT OLD FRIENDS IN THE REGULAR ARMY
OUR MILITIA'S FIRST MISSION IS TO RETAKE VASEL BRIDGE
HEY, LARGO! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
STRATEGY? YOU MEAN THE ONE THE MILITIA IS PART OF?
WE'RE TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY HEADQUARTERS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER WITH NO SUPPORT FROM THE MAIN ARMY!
JUST HOW DO THEY MEAN FOR ACCOMPLISH THAT?
NO MATTER HOW MUCH TRAINING WE DO THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
MOST OF OUR SOLDIERS HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN IN ACTUAL COMBAT BEFORE!

BUT INSTEAD THEY WILL BEGIN THEIR ADVANCE AFTER THE MILITIA FORCES A BRIDGEHEAD
IS THAT TRUE, WELKIN?
IT'S A MISTAKE TO SAY THE GENERAL ARMY WON'T BE GIVING US ANY SUPPORT...
HA!
THE ARMY'S NO HELP FOR THE UNLUCKY DARCSENS!
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS!
YOU CAN'T BE UPFRONT WITH THE OPERATION!
IF THIS FAILS DO YOU PLAN TO JUST SAY "SORRY?!"
CAN THEY LIVE PEACEFULLY HAVING STEPPED ON THE CORPSES OF THE MILITIA?
THIS HAS TO BE A LIE!
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT..!
ARE THEY TELLING US TO DIE?
Gallian
CUT

I WILL NOT USE MY MEN AS SACRIFICIAL LMABS
I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF APOLOGIZING

USING THIS SQUAD 7
I WILL RETAKE VASEL BRIDGE WITHIN 48 HOURS

LARGO POTTER, LET'S MAKE A WAGER
IF MY PLAN WORKS YOU WILL FOLLOW MY COMMANDS
INTERESTING!!
IF I FAIL, I WILL RESIGN AS COMMANDING OFFICER
YOU WON'T FORGET YOUR WORDS, RIGHT!?

第2話◆END

THE ENERGY RESOURCE "RAGNITE"
BASIC LIVING ITEMS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND INDUSTRIAL GOODS MADE FROM RAGNITE HAVE ENRICHED THE QUALITY OF LIFE
THE YEAR 1935
THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE IS ENGULFED BY THE FLAMES OF WAR
TWO MAJOR POWERS STRUGGLE OVER THAT BLESSING
THE EMPIRE AND THE FEDERATION
THE UNRELATED COUNTRIES NEARBY HAVE ALSO BEEN SWALLOWED UP IN THE FIGHTING
LIKE OUR OWN HEART-WARMING HOMELAND THE DUCHY OF GALLIA

A HERO WHO WILL GIVE ME LOTS OF MATERIAL
A HERO WHO WILL DELIVER HIS HOMELAND OF GALLIA FROM THE WAR
AH, I'M QUIVERING IN EXCITEMENT!
APPROVAL FOR EMBEDDED REPORTING!
I'M LOOKING FOR A HERO
FOLLOWED BY ALL THE OTHER INFO
THE OPENING SHOULD BE LIKE THIS
SO
WELKI~N
THAT WHICH I DESIRED
AND THEN

THE PLAN
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WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
SUDDENLY SAYING SOMETHING RECKLESS LIKE THAT
SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
AT THE BASE! IN FRONT OF ALL OF SQUAD 7!
ALICIA...
"I WILL RETAKE VASEL BRIDGE WITHIN 48 HOURS"
"USING SQUAD 7!"
THE COMMOTION IS OVER BUT EVERYONE FEELS UNEASY NOW
SURELY THE REGULAR ARMY'S PROPOSED STRATEGY IS FOOLISH HAVING JUST THE MILITIA RECAPTURE THE BRIDGE AND ALL
HEY!
JUST HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK EVERYONE'S DISTRUST GREW?
BUT WELKIN, YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT WAS EVEN MORE UNREASONABLE!
AND AS SQUAD 7'S COMMANDER, TOO!

I GOT THAT FROM YOUR SHOULDER BADGE
YOU'RE WITH THE MILITIA'S SQUAD 7, RIGHT?
YOU TWO, DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
ARE YOU THE COMMANDER?
JUST WHO ARE Y
YOU'RE PRETTY YOUNG. HOW OLD ARE YOU?
WHO ARE YOU?
EXCUSE ME
FROM TODAY ONWARD I'M THE WAR CORRESPONDANT YOUR UNIT WILL BE TAKING ALONG!
I'M ELLET OF GBS RADIO 3 BROADCAST OFFICE
HEY
JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU AND THE COMMANDER ARE, MISS SERGEANT?
I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THAT
A REPORTER!?

THAT'S NO GOOD. LIVELY TALKING ABOUT STRATEGY WITH SUCH A LOUD VOICE
CRYING ABOUT IT IS DISGRACEFUL
IT'S A GIVEN THAT COMBAT IS SCARY
LET'S GO, WELKIN
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE WITH HER
AH OK
VASEL BRIDGE, RIGHT?
THE GIANT DRAWBRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE CANAL IN THE SUBURBS OF THE DUCHY OF GALLIA'S CAPITAL RANDGRIZ
THE BRIDGE PASSES RIGHT BY A HIGHWAY TO THE CAPITAL
AS WELL AS BEING A MILITARY OBJECTIVE IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO THE LIVELYHOOD OF THE PEOPLE

THE IMPERIAL UNIT THAT TOOK THE BRIDGE HAS NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY CONSOLIDATED ITS POSITION
DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE GALLIAN ARMY'S REASON TO RETAKE THE BRIDGE QUICKLY?
THE REGULAR ARMY REGIMENT THAT WAS DEFENDING THE BRIDGE WAS ATTACKED BY THE IMPERIAL ARMY AND RETREATED EARLY THIS MORNING
AMAZING
I THINK THEY WANT TO LAUNCH A COUNTERATTACK BEFORE THE ENEMY'S REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE
AND AS FOR THE GALLIAN ARMY...
HMPH
MEANING?
AND I'VE GOT SOME OTHER INTEL ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN VASEL BUT
"INFO IS NOT SOMETHING YOU SELL CHEAPLY" IS MY MOTTO
WELKIN!?
DONE
THIS IS A BARGAINING POINT DO I GET A MONOPOLY ON THE COVERAGE?
WHERE'D YOU GET THAT INFOR-MATION?
IT'S SOMETHING I HEARD FROM THIS MORNING'S STRATEGY SESSION
THAT'S A SECRET ♥

ALICIA! I'LL RETURN TO THE BARRACKS SOON SO COULD YOU WAIT FOR ME THERE?
DON'T WORRY! I WON'T KEEP HIM TOO LONG!
WA WAIT, WELKIN!
GREAT! YOU'RE THE FIRST ASSISTANT I'VE GOTTEN!
STUNNED
I'M JUST GOING TO BORROW HIM FOR A LITTLE BIT!
...WH...
WHAT JUST H@PP-ENED...

OPERATION 「SPRING STORM」
WELL... ISN'T THE NAME AWFULLY POETIC...
THE MILITIA WILL CROSS THE BRIDGE AND CAPTURE THE ENEMY'S HEADQUARTERS - AFTER THAT, THE REGULAR ARMY WILL LAUNCH THEIR ASSAULT
OPERATION SPRING
ESTABLISHING A BRIDGEHEAD... EASIER SAID THAN DONE
ARE THEY THAT PREPARED TO USE US AS A SACRIFICE?
ころころ...
...A MUD DUMPLING...?
WHY IS SOMETHING LIKE THIS ON THE BASE?
AH
FALDIO

んこり。
WON'T YOU TRY ONE?
TEE-HEE ♥
THERE REALLY HAVE BEEN A LOT OF CHANGES OF PACE LATELY SO I WANTED TO BAKE SOME BREAD
BUT TODAY'S NOT BREADMAKING DAY SO I GOT KICKED OUT OF THE BARRACKS KITCHEN
HEHE ♥ AMAZING, RIGHT!?
DID YOU... MAKE ALL OF THIS?
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A... Alicia...?
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IT'S A GIVEN THAT COMBAT IS SCARY
OH, DID THAT GUY COMPARE YOU TO A STRANGE INSECT AGAIN?
DON'T JUMP TO CONCLU-SIONS!!
JUST A LITTLE...
VARIOUS THINGS
CHANGES OF PACE?
CRYING ABOUT IT IS DISGRACEFUL
AH,,, YEAH...
SORRY...
AH..
SORRY FOR SNAPPING AT YOU LIKE THAT, FALDIO
AH I BROKE DOWN A LITTLE FOR A MOMENT THERE
FALDIO, YOU'RE POPULAR WITH GIRLS, AREN'T YOU?
I'D BE HAPPY IF YOU CALLED IT "UNDERSTANDING A LADY'S HEART"
I'D BE HONORED IF IT MEANT YOUR MELANCHOLY MOOD WAS DISPELLED ♥

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?
ALICIA-SAN, YOU'RE ALL MUDDY
WERE ALL THESE... BY ALICIA-SAN?
ISARA, WOULD YOU LIKE ONE TOO?
WOW!
THESE ARE ALL VERY SKILLFULLY MADE
AHA ♥
ALL THE DIRT THAT WAS DUG UP IS THE EXACT SAME SIZE AND SHAPE
YOU MUST HAVE TAKEN SO MUCH TIME MAKING THESE CAREFULLY ONE BY ONE
FOR YOU TO TAKE THE TIME TO MAKE THIS MANY
MUST MEAN THEY ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE UPCOMING OPERATION

I'M SORRY! I JUST WANTED A CHANGE OF PACE! I'M SO SORRY!
OPER -ATION?
THE ONE TO RETAKE VASEL BRIDGE
THE TRUTH IS, IT'S MY FAULT THAT MY BROTHER HAD TO MAKE A DIFFICULT PROMISE TO THE SQUAD'S TROOPS...
I SEE
SO THAT'S WHY ALICIA IS SO WORRIED?
THAT... THAT'S NOT IT...
ALICIA-SAN IS WORRIED ABOUT NII-SAN?

SCA...
HUH?
OF WELKIN...?
ARE YOU REALLY THAT AFRAID OF NII-SAN?
I'M
I'M NOT SCARED AT ALL!
IT'S A GIVEN THAT COMBAT IS SCARY
...SORRY, I MISUNDER-STOOD YOUR WORDS
THAT MUST BE IT
MAYBE "SCARED" IS TOO MUCH...

I WAS A TEAM LEADER FOR THE TOWN WATCH!
I HAVE COMBAT EXPERIENCE AND HAVE FOUGHT THE IMPERIAL ARMY WHO KNOWS HOW MANY TIMES!
IT'S NOT THAT I'M AFRAID!!
AND EVEN UP TIL NOW
ALL... THE TIME...
stare
.....

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DOES SHE STILL INTEND TO MAKE MORE MUD DUMPLINGS?
……
ALICIA
SLICKET
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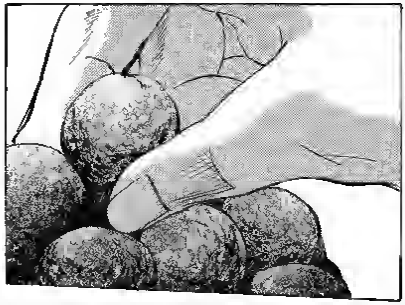
ALICIA -SAN!?
I'M GOING TO DIG UP MORE DIRT!
行動開始しまーす
Moving out!



"ALL THE TIME TIL NOW"
IT'S NOT "AFRAID" BUT "CAN'T BELIEVE IN"

BECAUSE IT HASN'T BEEN TOO LONG SINCE THE SQUAD WAS FORMED
AND I DON'T THINK SHE'S AN EXCEPTION
I THINK ALICIA STILL DOESN'T TRUST WELKIN AS A COMMANDER
IT'S MY INTUITION
EH?
THEY'LL HAVE TO COME TOGETHER LITTLE BY LITTLE
HAVING FAITH IN SOMEONE AND LIKING THEM ARE DIFFERENT THINGS
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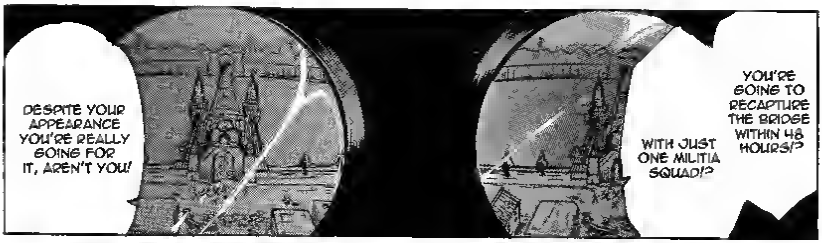
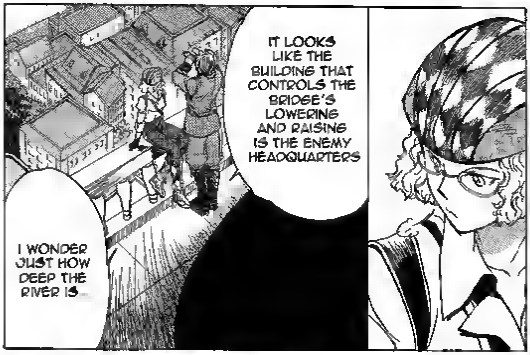
.....
ISARA, YOU'VE GOT PEOPLE LIKE THAT TOO, RIGHT?
YEAH
I WOULD LIKE FOR EVERYONE IN THE SQUAD TO QUICKLY BECOME FRIENDS


DESPITE YOUR APPEARANCE YOU'RE REALLY GOING FOR IT, AREN'T YOU!
YOU'RE GOING TO RECAPTURE THE BRIDGE WITHIN 48 HOURS!?
WITH JUST ONE MILITIA SQUAD!?


I WONDER JUST HOW DEEP THE RIVER IS
IT LOOKS LIKE THE BUILDING THAT CONTROLS THE BRIDGE'S LOWERING AND RAISING IS THE ENEMY HEADQUARTERS

SO WHY ARE YOU DOING IT? DON'T YOU FEEL THAT'S A LITTLE RECKLESS?
ELLET-SAN, RIGHT?
VASEL BRIDGE IS A DRAWBRIDGE I WONDER IF THERE'S A WAY TO RAISE IT?
LOOKS LIKE THAT RIVER IS PRETTY DEEP TOO

IT'S NOT A DEPTH YOU COULD DRIVE A TANK IN
MAYBE WE COULD MOVE TROOPS AND SUPPLIES ACROSS VIA BOAT

DON'T TELL ME
WERE YOU THINKING ABOUT HOW YOUR TANK COULD CROSS THE RIVER AND ATTACK THE ENEMY BASE?
YOU KNOW, IF THEY HAD A WAY TO DO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE DONE IT ALREADY

ELLET-SAN, THANKS FOR THE BINOCULARS!
AND YOUR INFO REALLY HELPED!!
HEY! YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN ME THE DATA FOR MY ARTICLE YET!!
SORRY, IT'LL HAVE TO WAIT FOR NEXT TIME!
EAT AND RUN!?
YOU'RE KIDDING ME!
LIEU -TENANT!
ALRIGHT, LET'S GET TO THE POINT! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS WAR!?
THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE!

I WANT IT TO END QUICKLY!
SINCE NOTHING IS AS USELESS AS WAR!
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WHAT IS YOUR REASON FOR FIGHTING!?
WHY? WHAT COULD YOU BE FIGHTING FOR!?
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FOR THE SAKE OF THE THINGS IMPORTANT TO ME

TO THE FUTURE
I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN, ELLET-SAN!
AH, WAIT!
I HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN YOUR NAME YET...
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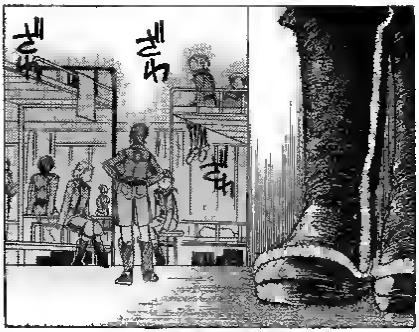
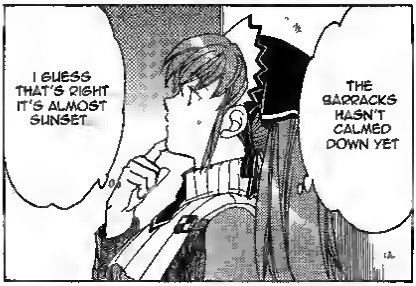
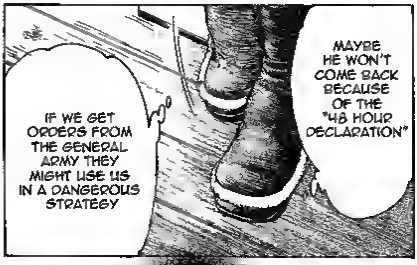



I GUESS THAT'S RIGHT IT'S ALMOST SUNSET
THE BARRACKS HASN'T CALMED DOWN YET


IF WE GET ORDERS FROM THE GENERAL ARMY THEY MIGHT USE US IN A DANGEROUS STRATEGY
MAYBE HE WON'T COME BACK BECAUSE OF THE "48 HOUR DECLARATION"

I'M NOT AFRAID OF BATTLE
I... I'M AFRAID OF BELIEVING IN WELKIN...

I'VE GOT SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW YOU
COME WITH ME!
W... WELKIN!?
JUST TRUST ME!
SO THAT'S WHERE YOU WERE, ALICIA!
WHAT KIND OF BUG DID YOU FIND NOW!?
OR ARE YOU GOING TO SAY SOMETHING OUTRAGEOUS AGAIN!?
BUT
ALICIA, LOOK
THE VASEL RIVER...?
I'VE GIVEN UP ON SEEING ONLY "DEATH"
FROM THE BEGINNING THEY'VE BEEN TREATING US AS "SACRIFICIAL PAWNS"
WE CAN CARRY OUT THE REGULAR ARMY'S ORDERS "SAFELY"

WH...
NO WAY...
WELKIN...

WELKI...
SEE!
INTERESTING, ISN'T IT?
UH...
MM.
THIS RIVER SHOULDN'T BE SHALLOW ENOUGH FOR PEOPLE TO STAND
CORRECT
BUT THERE ARE A FEW PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN STAND
WAIT WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
THAT

IT'S CALLED MISTLEREED
IT'S A PLANT THAT GROWS DOWNSTREAM OF RIVER ESTUARIES
NOT JUST HERE BUT IN OTHER PLACES WHERE THE WATER IS EXTREMELY SHALLOW
OH...
IF YOU LOOK AT THE RIVER'S VEGETATION YOU'LL UNDERSTAND
IF WE FIND ANOTHER PLACE LIKE THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE AN UNDERWATER CROSSING WITH THE EDELWEISS
OH...
FIRST THE EDELWEISS WILL CROSS UNDERWATER AND EXIT ON THE OTHER SHORE
AT THAT POINT WE WILL DISPOSE OF ANY NEARBY SENTRIES
ON MY SIGNAL OUR INFANTRY WILL LAUNCH FROM THE RIVER'S PORT
THE BREAKTHROUGH POINT FOR SQUAD 7 WILL NOT BE A BRIDGEHEAD BUT THE RIVER

BY NOT USING A BRIDGEHEAD WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SLIP IN THROUGH THE EARLY MORNING FOG AND LAUNCH A SNEAK ATTACK
DON'T YOU AGREE THAT EVEN MILITIA TROOPS WITH LITTLE COMBAT EXPERIENCE CAN SUCCEED USING THIS PLAN?
...YEAH...
YOU'RE RIGHT
EVERY-THING'S OKAY
I'M NOT AFRAID

BELIEVE IN ME, ALICIA
I'M LOOKING FOR A HERO
A HERO THAT WILL SAVE MY MANUSCRIPT AND HIS HOMELAND FROM AN UNWANTED WAR
BUT
WHAT I'D LIKE THE MOST IS
A PASSION-ATE LOVE THAT CAN BLOOM DURING WAR
I WONDER
IF THAT'S A LITTLE TOO OVER THE TOP

第3話◆END

WHEN I WAS YOUNG, THE TANK WAS MY FATHER'S SYMBOL
I LIKED SEEING THE PROUD FATHER THAT SPOKE OF THE EDELWEISS
THE TANK WAS PUT INTO THE BARN AND I DON'T THINK I EVER SAW IT MOVE
BUT FROM THE DAY MOTHER DIED
FATHER NEVER SPOKE ABOUT IT AGAIN

ENCOUNTER
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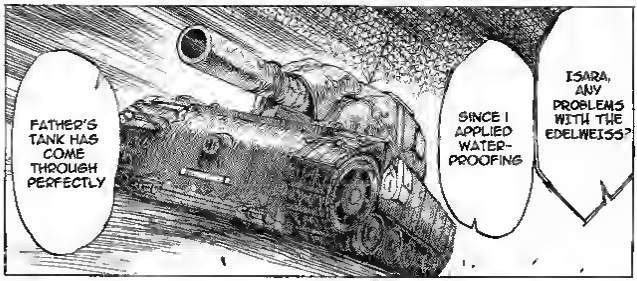
WHEN THIS WAR STARTED

IT SEEMS THE PLAN YOU CAME UP WITH IS COMING ALONG NICELY


FATHER'S TANK HAS COME THROUGH PERFECTLY
SINCE I APPLIED WATER-PROOFING
ISARA, ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE EDELWEISS?

AND FATHER'S FLARE GUN
WE'VE GOT ISARA'S MAINTAINANCE

THE INFANTRY HAVE DISEM-BARKED SUCCESSFULLY
NII-SAN

WE'RE DOING THE SAME THING FATHER DID
...ISARA
YES
I WONDER IF THIS WILL ALSO REACH PATH I BELIEVE IN...

THE GALLIAN ARMY IS COMING FROM THE RIVER...!
IT'S A RAID!
HAS IT BEEN RETAKEN ALREADY!?
WHAT ARE THE UNITS STATIONED AT THE BRIDGE DOING!?
AN ENEMY ATTACK!? IMPOSSIBLE!
WHERE THE HELL ARE THEY COMING FROM!?
GREAT! WE'RE IN A BIG PINCH!
SHALL WE SEE HOW HE DEALS WITH THESE?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THESE ENEMIES ARE SO ANNOYING
AMAZING I CAN'T BELIEVE IT
WE GOT BEHIND THE ENEMY SO QUICKLY
THEIR COMMANDING OFFICER IS SURPRISINGLY CALM!

EVEN IF THEY CAN'T SEE YOUR FACE THEY CAN STILL HEAR YOUR WORDS!
WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT? THEY HAVE MACHINE GUNS!
IF YOU STICK YOUR HEAD OUT THEY'LL FILL IT FULL OF HOLES!
HAA!?
OUR SURPRISE ATTACK HAS THE IMPERIAL ARMY IN DISARRAY
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WE SHOULD SEE IF THEY WANT TO SURRENDER
THEY AREN'T GOING TO LISTEN!!
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NOOOOOOO
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YOU'VE GOT YOUR NEST SETUP HERE?
HERMES' GROUP SHOULD BE OVER THERE
NO
I CAN'T SEE THEM IF THEY GO INTO THE SHADOWS
OKAY
WHAT ABOUT YOU, CEZARY?
YOU'VE PROBABLY GOT A PLACE YOU WANT TO SNIPE FROM TOO
KILL THEM ALL DON'T LET A SINGLE IMPERIAL SOLDIER GET AWAY
ALRIGHT OSCAR, GO UP TO THE ROOF OF THAT HOTEL
HOW MANY DARCSENS ARE IN SQUAD 7?
UM... THEPE'S WAVY AND NADINE FOLLOWED BY ISARA... THREE PEOPLE
THIS IS FINE I'LL GIVE COVER FROM HERE
BY THE WAY

DON'T GIVE THE DARCSENS BACKUP
THIS IS AN ORDER
HM?
TCH
YOU'RE NOT THE COMMANDER
.....
WHERE'S HE AIMING...?
ENEMY SPOTTED
FROM ...HA! JUST WHERE I SAID THEY WOULD...

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YOU ALMOST GOT SNIPED!
GET DOWN!
EH
EH!?
ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY SNIPERS SAVED YOU
A SHOT FROM THAT RANGE IS IM-POS-SI-BLE...
HUH...?
NADINE!
WHAT?!
WHO THE HELL...

YOU'RE YOUNG BUT YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD
...THANKS
THE PERSON DEPLOYED OVER THERE HAS TO BE
THAT MARINA GIRL?
!

ROSIE!
ROSIE, IT'S ABOUT JANE!

AHAHAHAHAHA
YOU IMPERIAL BASTARDS
SO WEAK!
WEAK!
THAT IDIOT, THE HELL IS SHE DOING ON HER OWN?
I THOUGHT SHE WAS A QUIET PERSON BUT SHE'S REALLY SCARY
WHEN SHE SAW THE ENEMY SHE IMME-DIATELY...
DIDN'T THINK IT'D COME TO THIS, DID YOU?
THIS IS FOR THE TIME YOU DESTROYED MY FLOWER SHOP!

I... I DON'T KNOW
I DIDN'T HEAR ANY GUNFIRE
MORE OF 'EM?!
OKAY
DAMN! SHE'S MAKING MY JOB HARDER!
AISHA, KEVIN, FOLLOW ME!
WHERE IS THE ENEMY!?
NO, NO, NO!
WE JUST RAN INTO EACH OTHER!!
UM... I MADE LUNCH FOR YOU...

WHAT WAS SHE DOING...
OH MY
HN?
DID SOMETHING HIT ME?
GUESS I'LL GRAB HER
SHOULD I CALL THE MEDIC?
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S DONE FOR.
RIGHT, ROSIE?
LARGO-SAN, THE ENEMY IS...
THE ENEMY!
SEE IT?
IT'S THE BRIDGE
OH

GOOD WORK RECAPTURING THE BRIDGE!
I BROUGHT YOU A TOWEL, WELKIN!
...THAT FEELS GREAT...
THANKS, ALICIA
IS IT REALLY THAT HOT INSIDE A TANK? YOU COULD HAVE LOOSENED YOUR COLLAR A LITTLE

ELEMEN-TARY
WHEN WAS THAT FROM?
ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL
MY MILITARY TRAINING INSTRUCTOR WAS REALLY STRICT
IF WE DIDN'T WEAR OUR UNIFORMS PROPERLY, HE WOULDN'T CALM DOWN.
HEY, YOU TWO!
YOU HAVE TO SWEAR YOU'LL FOLLOW HIS ORDERS!
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING!?
IT WAS A PROMISE!
WE CAPTURED THE BRIDGE WITHIN 48 HOURS!
WELKIN WINS THE BET!

THAT'S ENOUGH, ALICIA
BUT...
ISN'T IT OKAY SINCE IT'S MY VICTORY?
WE WERE ALL ABLE TO COME BACK ALIVE
I THINK EVEN THAT SMALL FAVOR IS ENOUGH
AH
YOU KNOW, WELKIN
I'M GOING TO MAKE A VOW TOO
FROM TODAY ONWARD I'LL HAVE FAITH IN WELKIN
...YOU TOO, ALICIA...
...UM...

ORIGINALLY, I DIDN'T BELIEVE IN YOU EITHER!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
BUT IT'S ALRIGHT NOW! I'LL FOLLOW YOU FROM NOW ON!
LET'S DO OUR BEST, OKAY?
AH— BUT—
THE SQUAD MEMBERS—
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE ACCEPTED YOU AS COMMANDER BUT
INSIDE THEY STILL HAVEN'T
AND THEY HAVEN'T ACCEPTED ISARA AND THE OTHERS—

ROSIE
YOU! HAVE YOU ALREADY MADE NICE WITH THAT BOY!?
HEY, ROSIE!
A BET IS A BET
WE LOST SO LET'S JUST ACCEPT IT
ISN'T IT BAD FOR YOUR THROAT IF YOU YELL THAT MUCH?
AAN?
WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE!!
EVERYONE'S PRETENDING LIKE THEY KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN!
IT IT'S NOT THAT I'M FULLY APPROVING OF HIM
ROLLING OVER SO QUICKLY!
YOU REALLY HAVE GIVEN IN TO HIM!
HAH!
THEN WHAT ABOUT THAT DARCSEN BRAT?
ALL THE NEW RECRUITS ARE STILL ALIVE
WELL, A FEW GOT HIT IN THE ARM OR LEG
DID SQUAD 7 HAVE ANY CASUALTIES?
.....

UGH

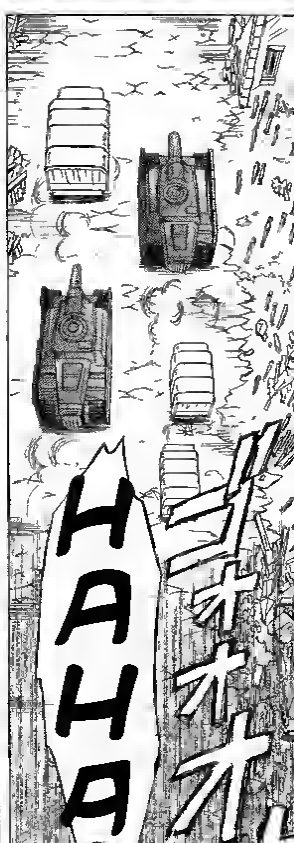
A LOT OF ENLISTEES CAN'T COPE
MAYBE HE COULDN'T FIT IN FROM THE START
IT LOOKS NORMAL FROM THE NECK DOWN...
MAYBE HE JUST SNAPPED SUDDENLY?
NO IDENTIFYING MARKS?
NOTHING WE CAN DO BUT COMPARE THE OTHER DETAILS OF HIS BODY TO THE RECORDS
WITH HIS FACE LIKE THIS EVEN HIS RELATIVES WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM
THAT IDIOT! IF ONLY HE HAD SAID SOME-THING!
BUT COMMAN-DER
YOU'RE LIKE THIS EVEN THOUGH YOU JUST JOINED
WE'LL BE DONE FOR
BOTH US AND THE WAR
IT'LL BE A PAIN IF WE CAN'T
NO UNIT BADGE AND NO IDENTI-FYING MARKS...
CAN WE REALLY FIGURE OUT WHO HE WAS?

EVEN IF YOU'RE A MEDIC HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM?
IT'S REALLY HARD BEING HANDSOME...
THERE'S NO ONE LIKE THAT...
FALDIO!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THAT?
WHEN I SEE ALICIA, I CHEER UP COMPLETELY!
YOU'RE SAYING STUFF LIKE THAT AGAIN!?

NO
SHOULD I TAKE A LOOK TOO?
IF I SEE HIS FACE I MIGHT KNOW HIM...
WE FOUND AN UNIDENTIFIABLE CORPSE
IT WAS PRETTY HORRIBLE...
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
YEAH, EVERYONE'S GOOD
OH, ALICIA
IS EVERYONE DOING ALRIGHT IN SQUAD 7?
GOT IT?
I DON'T WANT THINGS TO GET ANY WORSE
IT'S REALLY BAD
YOU GUYS CERTAINLY TOOK IT EASY AND WE WERE GETTING TIRED OF WAITING!
YO! PEOPLE OF THE MILITIA!
THAT'S GOOD
RIGHT
WE THOUGHT YOU GUYS WOULD JUST RUN AWAY UNDER FIRE!

RUN HOME QUICKLY
MAYBE YOUR MOTHERS WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER!
NOW IT'S TIME FOR THE PROS TO GO TO WORK!

THEY'RE RIDING ALONG SO CAREFREE
EVEN THOUGH THEY LOST TO THE EMPIRE AND RAN AWAY!
THEY CROSSED OVER THE RETAKEN VASEL BRIDGE
THE REGULAR ARMY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they seem really happy
US IN THE MILITIA
WE WERE JUST HERE TO DIE FOR THEM

ALICIA
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY "GOOD" EARLIER?
WELL, I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO WELKIN
SEE YOU LATER, FALDIO

I STILL GET SAD WHENEVER PEOPLE DIE
...AH
WELL
SO I'M RELIEVED

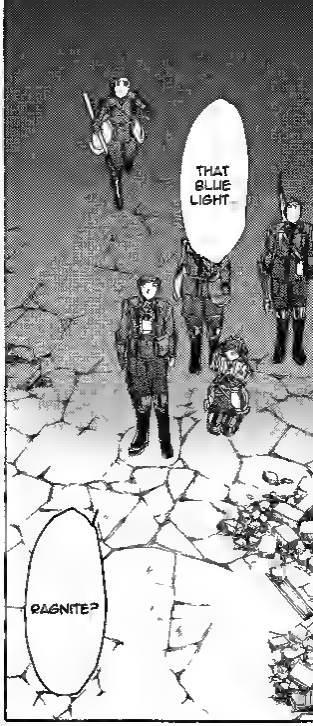
ALICI...

SQUAD 1, SQUAD 2, RALLY!

CATCH UP WITH THE REGU-LAR ARMY!

BE CAREFUL, FALDIO
I'M... OKAY

NO, IT'S DIFF-ERENT...
THAT WAS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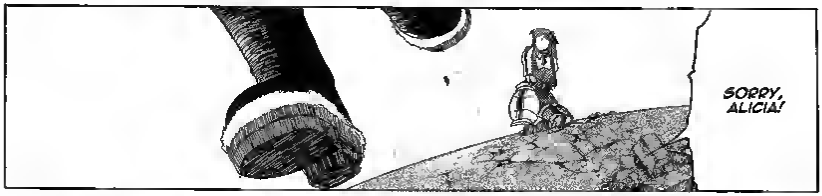
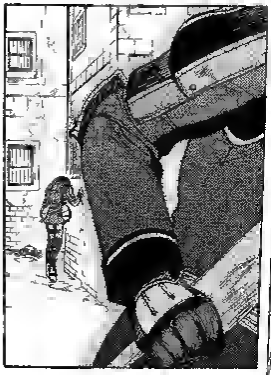
RAGNITE?


SORRY, ALICIA!



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I NEED TO RELINITE WITH SQUAD 7 TOO

WHAT WAS THAT LIGHT?
SO COLD AND BEAU-TIFUL
SO WARM AND FAMILIAR
BUT
I'M SCARED
SO SCARED
I'M SO AFRAID
IT'S OKAY
I'M NOT AFRAID
..LKIN..
I'M SCARED

WEL...

ハァ…
THE WARNING IS GIVEN

IF YOU DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE IMPERIAL ARMY
YOUR LIVES WILL NOT BE SNUFFED OUT

EVEN THE REMNANTS OF AN ARMY SHOULD NOT BE SLAUGHTERED TO A MAN?
EVEN ON THE BATTLEFIELD THERE SHOULD BE MERCY?
WHO ARE
IS THAT WHAT YOU BELIEVE, DAUGHTER OF GALLIA?
WH
YOU

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